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## Common Council Calls on Buffalo School Board and New York State to Implement Financial Literacy Course for Buffalo Public School Students

*Proposed Course Would Be Mandated Before Graduation*

**Buffalo, N.Y.** - The Buffalo Common Council adopted resolution, "[Wyatt - Calling on Buffalo School Board and New York State to Implement Financial Literacy Course for Buffalo Public Schools Students](#)" at today's 2:00 PM Meeting.

The resolution requests New York State and the Buffalo School Board to explore options to include a financial literacy class before students can graduate high school. The State of Florida most recently passed the "Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Act" which mandates high school students take a half-credit personal finance course prior to graduation.

"Having a basic understanding of finance is incredibly important," says Council Member Rasheed N.C. Wyatt. "Almost everything we do has some financial impact; not having it is a death sentence leaving those without the knowledge seemingly at sea subjected to the endless waves of poor decisions, outstanding debt and bad credit creating a negative net worth of abject poverty forever."

The State of Florida's legislative piece proposed topics for students to learn such as balancing a checkbook, types of credit, and investment risks. For more information on Florida's recent legislation, please follow this link: [Governor Ron DeSantis Signs Financial Literacy Bill to Support Florida's Students \(flgov.com\)](#)

A copy of the resolution is attached. To view this and all Council items, visit our meeting portal at [buffalony.iqm2.com](http://buffalony.iqm2.com). For questions or more information, please contact the Central Staff Office at (716) 851-4616 or [councilstaff@buffalony.gov](mailto:councilstaff@buffalony.gov).

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